

Supervisor Romaine and Tax Receiver Marcoccia Announce the Refund of Late Charges Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 91 of 2013

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Late payment assessments refunded in accordance with the 21 day extension provision of the law

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Tax Receiver Lou Marcoccia have announced that as of Wednesday, March 13, 2013 the Office of the Tax Receiver has mailed nearly 2,700 refunds to Brookhaven taxpayers in accordance with the provisions set forth by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 91, issued on January 25, 2013. The Order, aside from providing relief to people throughout New York State on a myriad of issues, allows a 21 day extension for taxpayers in Suffolk County from the January 10, 2013 deadline to pay in full or the first half taxes due without penalty. The total sum of late fees in the Town of Brookhaven collected for the period of January 10th through January 31st was approximately \$88,000.

"So many of our residents have experienced such a severe economic impact due to the damage caused by Super Storm Sandy and they need help," said Supervisor Romaine, "We are happy to provide whatever relief we can so they can rebuild their homes, businesses and lives."

"This Executive Order permits my office to return penalty fees to taxpayers who paid their taxes up to January 31, 2013", Receiver of Taxes Marcoccia said, "without such authorization, my office would have been legally obligated to retain these funds. I appreciate and am proud to be a part of any effort to bring some relief to our town taxpayers whose lives were disrupted by Super Storm Sandy. If certain credit card companies can give their customers a breather, why can't government do the same?"

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